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Mayor Healy to Host Fourth of July Celebration, Fireworks Display & Free Concert at Liberty State Park Thousands to Attend Jersey City's Annual Civic Pride Celebration

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Municipal Council invite Jersey City residents and visitors to attend what is the area's premier **Fourth of July Fireworks** celebration at **Liberty State Park** as the city celebrates our nation's independence.

"July 4th marks the 233rd birthday of our nation and Jersey City is a prime location to celebrate our independence," said **Mayor Healy**. "Aside from our breathtaking views, we are the home to Lady Liberty and Ellis Island."

The annual event kicks off at **3 p.m.** with **DJ Omar Matthews** playing a mixture of music. **DJ Omar**, a resident of Jersey City, has been spinning records and cd's for more than 12 years. At **5:00 p.m.** female vocalist, **Jade**, takes the stage in the park's South Field, adjacent to the historic Central Railroad Terminal.

The Jersey City Cultural Affairs Soundstage will exhibit a wonderful array of sounds from Caribbean to R&B. Next to perform is Latin Grammy nominee **3D** performing an infectious blend of island rhythms, salsa, gospel, R&B, contemporary jazz and soul. **Black Ivory**, best dubbed for the sounds of sweet soul music that stirs in the taste buds of hungry music listeners, will perform next, and finally **Blue Magic**, an American R&B soul vocal quintet best known for their 1974 hit song, "Sideshow" will take the stage.

At approximately 9:15 p.m., the Jersey City skyline will be lit up by a fireworks display that will leave spectators dazzled. More than 10,000 shells will be exploded, illuminating the Jersey City skyline and visible from all areas of Liberty State Park. **Garden State Fireworks**, an internationally acclaimed fireworks company is producing the pyrotechnic display.

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“As we embark upon our celebrations, we must be thankful for the freedoms that we have,” continued **Mayor Healy**. “I also encourage everyone to pay tribute to those who fought for our freedom and remember those who make the sacrifice to protect it. We are forever indebted to them and their families and must never forget that they are the very reason we have this day to celebrate.”

The Jersey City fireworks display will be choreographed to a musical soundtrack. This year’s fireworks soundtrack includes: *Liberty Fanfare*; *Let's Get Loud* to arouse the spectators; *99 Red Balloons* mimicking the floating parachutes that look like balloons; *ROCK in the USA* during pattern shells that spell out USA in the sky; *Linus and Lucy* to match the cute smile face patterns of the Peanuts characters; *Over the Rainbow* highlighting the golden waterfalls from the sky and rainbow aerial display; *Born to Run* to accentuate the wild whistle effects of the saxophone solo; *What About Now* to match the massive golden bursts; and *1812 Overture* for an intense finale.

The **Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks** is sponsored by the Mayor’s Office, the Municipal Council, the Division of Cultural Affairs, Jersey City Economic Development Corporation UEZ Program, and Liberty State Park.

As parking is limited, the public is encouraged to arrive early and use public transportation. The public may take the Hudson Bergen Light Rail to the Liberty State Park terminal, where shuttle buses will transport them into the park. Ample parking is available at the Light Rail stations.

For more information on the **Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration**, contact the **Division of Cultural Affairs** at **201-547-6921**.

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